

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 440 without my signature.

While I strongly support protecting consumers. The provisions this bill seeks to accomplish have either been resolved through existing statutory or regulatory provisions. In fact, earlier this year, the California Public Utilities Commission launched a consumer education effort in multiple languages focusing on a wide range of telecommunications consumer protections, including the very information required by SB 440. By requiring California-only billing practices, SB 440 actually has the potential to hurt consumers by raising costs for consumers by establishing a different billing practice for California residents. Consumers are better served by actual protections not simply words printed on their bills.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger